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## LARGE AUDIENCES HEAR NOTED CHURCHMEN SPEAK

### Pageant Saturday Night Attended by Great Crowd--Lectures and Addresses Appreciated

#### --Lutheran Churches Hear Appeals

#### --Conference Ends Today

Those who were so fortunate as to be in the large crowd that filled the college auditorium Saturday night to witness the production of "A Pageant of Home Missions," received lasting impressions of how America is called upon to preach the gospel of Christ Jesus here at home to every nation and people in the world. Millions of foreigners are coming to America's shores as to a "promised land," yearning for a knowledge of Christ. How glad we have been to speak to them about the Savior, and how indifferent we have been about Christianizing them. These foreign people do our rough, heavy work; they labor patiently in building up our great cities, in developing our great resources, they live among us in ignorance and vice; we have been indifferent to their spiritual life. Many of them return to their home-land, and if their lives have not been touched by the religion of Jesus Christ, their infidel ancestors, Christianity is far greater than we send them; and those that tarry in our land must be brought to Christ if they are to become good citizens.

"Children of the World," an illustrated lecture, "The Children of the World," was given by Mrs. Cronk--showing small children in their play-cradles, showing children at their queer, children in school, in their homes, and whether they were white, or black, brown or yellow, they were still children, with similar desires, tastes, and instincts. Mrs. Cronk showed how that the same God had created these different peoples equal in His sight, and how their lives are just as precious in His sight as our own, and how we have been peculiarly chosen to carry out the great commission to those who know not the Lord.

At the Churches.

Short, thrilling talks were made to the different Sunday schools by the leaders in the Missionary Training Conference, which is here in Hickory. These talks were very profitable and interesting.

At 11 o'clock great addresses were made by Dr. Cronk at Holy Trinity, by Dr. Holland at St. Andrew's, and by Dr. Patterson at Bethany. Dr. Holland took his text from the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." He showed how the religion we now enjoy has been brought to us by the blood of our fathers--martyrs to their faith, and how that we should not in selfishness keep it for ourselves entirely, but send it to the heathen lands as a sacred libation unto the Lord.

The Mass Meeting.

At the mass meeting last night at Holy Trinity, Dr. Holland made a strong appeal for foreign missions before a great crowd that filled the church. He also urged the Lutheran churches of Catawba county to take for their individual concern, the support of Dr. Lippard in Japan.

Dr. Patterson followed with a passionate appeal to build churches for our own people here in our own land. He advocated a permanent extension fund, out of which loans were to be made to help build "houses of the Lord." He also showed that we cannot do effective foreign work until we are better prepared at home.

Dr. Patterson's appeal was given the closest attention by the great audience before him.

## MANY AUTOMOBILES PUNCTURED BY TACKS

Many automobile owners were angry yesterday because some mischievous rascals placed at least a keg of wide-tipped nails on all five of the main highways leading to Wesley's chapel camp-meeting grounds. Seventeen automobiles are known to have been punctured, some of the tires as many as half a dozen times, and nearly ten pounds of nails were gathered up.

Mr. S. L. Whitener missed all the tacks, but these gentlemen did not. J. O. Sharp, Abel S. Miller, James F. Abernethy, Gus Isonhour of this county, and Kemp Nixon of Lincolnton, the tacks, left their road and entered the camp by way of the Hickory and Newton road, which had been made worse of all. The good people of the Wesley's chapel community deplored the act of the culprits.

## TWO ARE SENTENCED TO DIE FOR BAD MURDER

Andrews, Sept. 10.--November 3 had been set as the date of execution for Merritt Miller and Hardie Wiggins, convicted in Graham county superior court yesterday of the murder of Philip Phillips. The defendants have appealed. Three months earlier Phillips and his wife, daughter and son, Mr. Phillips believed Ed Williams committed this crime and Judge Ferguson has issued a proclamation declaring Williams an outlaw.

Miss Frances Lantz has returned from a visit to Blowing Rock.

## LOCAL FIREMEN TO OBSERVE OCT. 9

Hickory firemen already have begun to prepare for Fire Prevention Day, set aside by the legislature as October 9, and heralded by Governor Frazer in a special proclamation. Mr. J. E. Whitener, chief of the local company, has received a letter from Capt. Sherwood Brockwell of the state insurance department relative to the observance of the day.

The local firemen plan to make a fire test run at each of the white schools on Friday, Oct. 9, when the children by fire drills. It is the desire of the authorities that every parent be present to witness the exercises.

In addition to furnishing a demonstration as to how the fire department is able to do, the members expect to do a little extra inspecting along about this time, and they are counting on the co-operation of local business men.

The Hickory company, which possesses a splendid motor truck, is composed of twenty members, only one of whom is paid. The young men do the work for the benefit of the city. Mr. H. E. Whitener is chief, Mr. E. D. Yoder is assistant chief, Mr. L. D. Fry is superintendent of fire alarms, Mr. A. T. Yoder is first foreman and Mr. W. E. Bruns is second foreman. The driver is Mr. George Starnes.

## WHOLE COUNTRY MAY SUBSCRIBE TO LOAN

(By the Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 20.--The largest syndicate ever formed was under consideration today to handle the billion dollar loan, which has shrunk from \$1,000,000,000 to between \$500,000,000 and \$800,000,000.

This mammoth syndicate will comprise nationwide in its character and will comprise national and state banks. A number of so-called pro-German banks will join the loan if none of the proceeds will be used to buy munitions of war.

The price of the government bonds will be par and the rate will be five per cent.

The bonds will pay five per cent interest and will be a first mortgage on the entire British empire and her colonies. Even the staggering bond issues raised at home for the support of the war will come second to the loan to be floated here.

For the first time in history the English pound has yielded first place to the American dollar. The principal and interest will be paid in American dollars.

## MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN IN INSTITUTE

Mr. T. B. Parker, director of farmers' institutes, said Saturday evening that the institute conducted at Lenoir College was one of the best he had conducted this summer. The crowd was larger than he expected, and every farmer present was interested in the discussions. Accompanying Mr. Parker was Mr. Dan T. Gray, chief of the division of animal husbandry, state department of agriculture. Mrs. John W. Robinson of this county and Mrs. R. W. Orr of Statesville held an institute for the benefit of the ladies. Mr. Homer Mask of Newton, farm agent, also was with the party here.

Today's institute workers are at the Banner's Elk, Avery county; tomorrow they will be at Valle Crucis, Wednesday at Sugar Grove and Thursday at Boone, Watauga county. Mrs. Orr did not accompany the party, but Mrs. Robinson, who is so well known in this section, did.

Mr. Parker Saturday discussed the value of humus and cover crops and found intensive listeners. Mr. Gray spoke on the adaptation of live-stock to the farm and profitable hog raising. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Orr discussed household conveniences and health matters.

The Catawba County Fair also came in for some good boosting by Mr. W. J. Shuford and Mr. Mask and a great deal of interest was shown in it. Mr. Parker said Catawba farmers had a right to be proud of their works and he was confident this would be the best fair in the history of the county.

## WEST INDIANS AERIAL FIGHT READY FOR BIG WAR

(By the Associated Press)

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 20.--Reports from Jamaica and other West Indian possessions of the British empire indicate that a sufficient number of men to form a complete regimental unit will be ready to sail for England soon, although definite word has not been given as to when the call for them will be made. Already hundreds of the pick of West Indian youths have volunteered and at their own cost and charges have found their way to England to offer themselves as recruits for Kitchener's army, and even greater numbers have enlisted in the various Canadian contingents which have gone or are going to the front.

The colonies are not in a position to equip the men; they are merely furnishing the raw material which will be trained and armed in England. In addition to providing for a complete regiment, the islands will undertake to fill the gaps caused by inevitable losses from time to time, the extent of at least fifty per cent of the original number.

All the British colonies in the West Indies have voluntarily subscribed money or supplies to meet the empire's needs--for the purchase of aeroplanes, machine guns, and for equipment such as smoking supplies for the men in the trenches. In the case of Jamaica the government voted a sum of \$250,000 which was used to send a cargo of sugar to the mother country, while by public subscription funds have been collected to the sum of \$200,000 for other objects. In a country where the average earning of 75 per cent of the population is not more than \$120 a year, and where citizens of opulence are scarce, it is declared that the island's showing has been a remarkably patriotic one.

## NEW SPECIES OF FISH IS OFFERED IN SWEDEN

(By the Associated Press)

Stockholm, Sweden, Sept. 20.--During the past few months of the war, tremendous quantities of a species of fish unknown to Scandinavian waters, and driven in, it is supposed, by the disturbance of the sea caused by submarine warfare, have been caught off the Swedish coast near Gothenburg and appear as a novelty on the menus of the restaurants in Stockholm. Although these fish are said to be common in southern seas where they are known as "ton" fish, they have never before been caught in this part of the world. A record catch was made a few days ago near Gothenburg by a man who brought in 950 fish, every one of them weighing more than 150 kilos. Since more of these fish are taken in daily than can possibly be used for food, oil has been made from them, but it is said to be of an inferior sort and hardly worth the cost of manufacture.

With the exception of this gratuitous offering, Sweden is by no means oversupplied with food. Prices offered for food abroad, particularly in Germany, have been so enticing, and exports have consequently been so large that Sweden now finds herself in the predicament of not having enough supplies for herself.

"HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE."

At a recent meeting of the Library Association, one of the directors called attention to the earnest and faithful efforts on the part of Miss Emily Wheeler and Mrs. O. M. Royster in past years, to have a good library in Hickory. One of these ladies was heard to say that they were tired, that they have been trying for twenty-five years and have so little to show for their work. In the hereafter we are to be rewarded for what we have tried to do and what we actually accomplish.

The names of Miss Josie Person, Mrs. James Martin, Miss Mary Geitner, Mrs. Graves, who does not live here now, of Mr. Amidas Link, who has passed away, and of the Traveler's Club should be mentioned in this connection. Perhaps in they are tired their minds will fall on those who hope--we will have a library not to be ashamed of.

(By the Associated Press)

MRS. W. B. MENZIES.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 20.--The occupation of Torreón by Carranza forces under General Obregon was under way today, according to an official announcement. General Villa retired yesterday owing to a lack of provisions, it was said. The Carranza army is equipped with several aeroplanes.

## AUDITORS START AT BROOKFORD MILLS

Messrs. C. L. Smith and John W. Todd, accountants of Charlotte, today began an audit of the books of the Brookford Mills as a result of proceedings instituted some time ago by Messrs. W. H. Shuford and J. A. Martin, minority stockholders, to determine the condition of the books. The action was taken under authority of a law passed by the last general assembly permitting minority stockholders to investigate conditions in a corporation.

The first hearing in Hickory will be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce October 5, before former Lieutenant-Governor W. D. Turner of Statesville, the referee.

Attorneys for the minority stockholders are Messrs. Bascom Blackwelder, Self & Bagby and Council & Yount, for the corporation and A. D. Julliard & Company of New York, Messrs. A. A. Whitener of Hickory and Tillet & Guthrie of Charlotte.

## IN LONDON RELATED

(By the Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 20.--Passengers reaching here today from London relate a thrilling fight in the air between Zeppelins and aeroplanes. There was said to have been three Zeppelins. One of the passengers said one block of warehouses was destroyed and a tenement six-story building was ripped through, killing a dozen women and children as they slept.

Several bombs, according to eyewitnesses, fell near three hospitals in a cluster. The principal one was occupied by soldiers. All three were rocked to their foundation and not a pane of glass was left. The soldiers were moved from their cots to the streets pending repairs.

The raid occurred on the night of September 28, a raid the previous night having reached the outskirts of the city, but not the heart. Persons in the Metropole and Victoria hotels were awaked as the British aeroplanes took wings to renew the invaders.

According to some passengers, the lights were turned off and men and women fought for vehicles to carry them home. Other passengers said there was no panic. Tiny aircraft guns rained missiles into the air.

Suddenly from every section of London the sky was swept by long white beams from search-lights. When a Zeppelin was found a dozen or more search-lights focussed their rays on it, stretching back to scattered points in the city like a long, fancy fan.

Two search-lights centered on a Zeppelin, while the others continued to search the sky. The roar of guns from the city was punctuated at intervals by the explosions of bombs, which fell near Newgate and Helbent, and Blomfield street, near the Liverpool street station and near the water front.

There was hardly a space of five seconds during the ten-minutes' bombardment that the sky was not whittled by the light of exploding shells. Thousands walked these streets or stood in groups gazing up ward, dressed only in their night clothes.

The spits of flame seemed to be sprinkling their targets around a Zeppelin. Meanwhile a Zeppelin marker seemed to be in progress, and this ended when a shell burst under it. A sudden dip and the search-lights lost the Zeppelin. Then the lights found the vessel, which, after manoeuvring, escaped in the dark.

London went to bed that night with, but not with fear. Next day they went out to see what damage had been done. Having noticed that the sky near St. Pauls was red as with fire, they went in that direction first. They found the shells of several buildings standing.

## MARKETS

### NEW YORK STOCKS

(By the Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 20.--The higher prices and greater activity in railways, which characterized last week's later operations, was resumed today, C. & O. and B. & O. being leaders. As usual, however, the most activity was confined to war shares. General Motors, Studebaker and Bethlehem steel rose. United States Steel opened 1/2 up at 76 1/2.

### NEW YORK COTTON

(By the Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 20.--Reports of better cables and active curb sellings caused cotton to open lower. October was relatively easy, selling off to 10.36, while January sold at 11.33.

### NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Sept. 20.--Cotton futures opened steady. Open Close

October	10.46	10.81
December	10.85	11.15
January	11.05	11.34
March	11.32	11.54
May	11.59	11.77

## VILLA FORCES HAVE ABANDONED TORREON

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## ONLY ONE LIFE LOST ON BIG STEAMER

(By the Associated Press)

Halifax, Sept. 20.--The Greek steamer Athenia was destroyed by fire at sea with the loss of one life, according to a message received today. The steamer Tuscania rescued 400 passengers and crew and a steamer rescued 61 others. The message from the Tuscania was dated 7 a. m. today and was the first official word from the fire. The origin was not stated.

News of the abandonment of the vessel came last night in radiograms from the Tuscania, which had responded to the Athenia's first call. The captain of the Tuscania said he was standing by ready to convey her into port. Apparently the spread of the fire was rapid, for shortly another brief message said the ship had been abandoned.

### EDITOR MORTON'S MOTHER IS DEAD AT LEASBURG

Mr. E. V. Morton, editor of the Hickory Democrat, was called to Leasburg, Caswell county, by the death of his mother, Mrs. I. F. Morton, who died there Saturday night at the advanced age of 81 years. Mrs. Morton was the mother of eleven living children, was a life-long member of the Methodist church, and was a fine type of Christian womanhood. Editor Morton will have the sympathy of many friends. He is expected to return to the city tonight.

### ROCKEFELLER AT TRINIDAD

(By the Associated Press)

Trinidad, Col., Sept. 20.--John D. Rockefeller, Jr., arrived here today to inspect his property. Mr. Rockefeller and party will spend two or three days here visiting the Colorado coal fields.

## JAPANESE ENTERPRISES ARE HELD UP BY WAR

(By the Associated Press)

Tokio, Sept. 20.--It is considered probable that a number of enterprises projected by the government calling for the expenditure of \$20,000,000 this year will be postponed, at least in part, on account of the revenue falling short of the expected amounts. The new minister of finance, T. Taketomi, is quoted in the newspapers as predicting that the European war will cause a decrease in revenue of about \$5,000,000, as compared with the estimates for the present fiscal year.

In March of 1916 Japan must redeem \$15,000,000 worth of short-term railroad bonds placed in London early this year. As difficulty would be found in issuing a new loan in Europe the government will probably float a domestic loan.

The general financial conditions caused by the war have forced Japanese banks to reduce their yearly interest on fixed deposits to 4 per cent. Before the war the rate was 6 per cent. The deficit caused by the war is being made good in part by supplying munitions to the allies and by occupying markets hitherto held by Germany.

The great need, however, is for ships. Every shipyard in Japan is at work repairing vessels, but not enough can be turned out. The removal of the Pacific mail steamers is a great blow to exporters.

The exportation of raw silk to Russia is steadily increasing owing to the decrease in the Russian supply from France, Germany and Italy. Enormous quantities of Japanese tea and camphor are likewise sent to Russia. A heavy consignment of sugar is awaiting shipment to England.

## TRYING TO DEVELOP SUPPLY PHOSPHOROUS

Tokio, Sept. 20.--The Chemical Industrial Investigation Society is working in conjunction with the government in an effort to obtain an independent home supply of phosphorus and hydro-chlorate of potash or substitutes for these materials which are indispensable in the manufacture of matches, an industry of large proportions in Japan. Before the war these materials were imported almost entirely from Germany. The supply having been exhausted and importations having ceased, the match industry faces a serious situation.

Mr. R. L. Shuford was a visitor to the city today.

## RUSSIANS MUST STRIKE TO SAVE THEIR TROOPS

### Hinderburg Has Thrown Loop Around Muscovites and They are in Perilous Position--Counter Blow Believed to Be Only Chance.

## ARCHIBALD IS INNOCENT HE SAYS

(By the Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 20.--James F. J. Archibald, the American correspondent who was intercepted by British authorities while carrying messages from Doctor Dumba, the Austrian ambassador, arrived today. Secret-service men met him at the port and went to his room, where they searched his belongings. They are reported to have taken away his cane. Archibald denied this.

After leaving quarantine Archibald said: "I do not know anything about the situation here. It is perfectly unjust. I took the letter from Ambassador Dumba without knowledge of its contents and entirely unwittingly of its nature. That's all I care to say." Archibald said he would have more to say later. Charles Mercer, his secretary, met him later, and Mercer said Archibald would not care to issue a statement. Archibald will go to Washington soon.

### SOME CORN

Mr. J. F. Abernethy has placed in the window of the Abernethy Hardware Company a stalk of corn containing six well-filled ears. This corn is a part of a six-acre tract within the corporate limits and is inspected with interest by all who notice it. Everybody says Mr. Abernethy is some farmer.

## MR. NICHOLS GLAD HICKORY HAS DAILY

Mr. L. T. Nichols, general manager of the Carolina & North Western, is glad that one town along his railroad is able to boast of a daily paper. He says: "I am pleased to receive copy of the Record and exceedingly pleased with the improvement in the Hickory newspaper situation. "I wish you the best success and to state further that I am proud that one town along the line of the Carolina & North Western railway has reached the daily paper stage."

### Biggest of International Loans.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

J. J. Hill may be right when he says that for American bankers to make the loan of \$500,000,000 or more, which England, France and Russia are asking in this country, is more important to us than to the allies.

The great excess of the things we sold these allies over the things we bought from them during the last fiscal year quickly exhausted the credit of several hundred millions they had on our books at the beginning of the war. Purchases and orders to purchase from us continued in great volume after the international books had been balanced. Soon a huge credit in our favor instead of theirs appeared in the account.

To pay for what they have bought and are buying of us, money and the equivalent of money have been sent over in ship loads--about \$80,000,000 worth of gold and a greater sum in gilt-edged American securities.

This cannot go on indefinitely. To continue imports of specie will mean a plethora of gold from which no good will result. The high cost of exchange is explained in part by the risk of transporting gold and valuables across the high seas in wartime. The governments of the allied countries are now doing business on borrowing money. The outgo for conducting the war greatly exceeds income. They can hardly be expected to borrow continuously from their own citizens in order to do an all-cash business with the citizens of this country. It will have to be a part cash and part credit business.

In our foreign exports of nearly \$2,800,000,000 last year, only a few millions represented munitions purchases. Most of it was represented by purchases of foodstuffs, clothing, machinery and other commodities for peaceful uses. Most of the proposed loan will go for supplies for the civilian population of the three countries.

On whether or not we lend the cost of a couple of Panama canals depends the continuance of the huge export trade that is now so important a factor in national prosperity. If the bankers decide to make it, the smaller local banks through the country may properly, as suggested, take some part of it to represent the cash received by adjacent farmers and manufacturers from their sales abroad.

One year ago these banks were asked to subscribe to a gold pool to finance our expenditures abroad. Now they are asked to subscribe to finance our sales abroad. The change in 12 months is one of the most startling in financial history.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 18.--The Russian army endangered since the fall of Vilna by the German encircling movement is estimated variously from 250,000 to 500,000 men. The conditions under which the Russians are attempting to extricate themselves furnish a striking parallel to those which followed the capture of Warsaw. They may precipitate one of the greatest battles fought on the eastern front.

Although no official confirmation from Petrograd has been received on the fall of Vilna, the British press has accepted it as true. So far as can be judged Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops have thrown a loop about the Russians, and are not only in their rear, but are menacing the few remaining wagon roads to the south. Apparently the only way in which the retreating forces may ameliorate the seemingly bad situation is by a counter blow.

The Russians express confidence in the outcome of the battle, which must be decided before complete success falls to one side or the other, but with their northern armies closely held along the Duna and the German flank well protected by their cavalry which recently occupied Widsy, across the Vilna-Petrograd Railway, it seems impossible that any aid can come to them from that direction.

The battle seemingly must be fought out between the troops now in the district between Vilna, Lida and Slonim, with the assistance of any reinforcements that can be spared to hold the German force which has reached Vileika.

At the southern end of the line General Ivanoff is keeping Field Marshal von Mackensen at arm's length from the fortress of Rovno, the key to the route to Kiev and in counter-attacks has retaken a number of villages both in Volhynia and Galicia.

Hope in Hindenburg.

It seems apparent from the inability of the Austro-Germans to hold their positions in the southern area that they have sent reinforcements from that front to Field Marshal von Hindenburg's northern army, which, as heretofore, is expected to score the biggest success.

Both the Germans and the French claim minor victories on the western front, but neither there nor in the Italian theatre nor in the Dardanelles have any events of any great moment been reported.

The political situation in the Balkans is still shrouded with considerable mystery. The Bulgarians having secured what they wanted from Turkey in the cession of a railway line appear to be well satisfied for the present. But there is now talk in Berlin of Bulgarians taking by force, if they cannot get it otherwise, the portions of Macedonia taken from them by the Serbians and Greeks during the last Balkan war. It is asserted that the Bulgarians have called to the colors all the Macedonian brigades now in Bulgaria, and that generally there is a warlike feeling in existence among the Bulgars.

It was pointed out that von Hindenburg's cavalry has penetrated so deeply into hostile territory that it has created a salient point to its rear. It is not believed here they will be able to deliver such a blow, however.

It is conjectured here as to whether von Hindenburg will endeavor to close the loop and capture the entire Russian army. The Russians are employing their familiar rear-guard tactics, and the hope is expressed that they will be able to fight their way out without shattering losses.

Vilna is the next important point to Warsaw. It was from Vilna that Napoleon fled in 1814.

## FORMER SULTAN NOW IS LONELY FIGURE

(By the Associated Press.)

Bordeaux, France, Sept. 20.--Abd-el-Aziz, former sultan of Morocco, may be seen most any day promenading the quays of Bordeaux in his red sandals, closely followed by his remaining servant, a stocky, coal black negro, whose duties in the days of his master's reign were to drive away and keep away unwelcome visitors. There is a legend to the effect that this process was as summary as it was effective. Being deficient in diplomatic language he generally used the "too of his sandal."

The bearing of the deposed sultan is that of majestic ennui.

## GERMANS STRIKE A BLOW AT SERVIANS

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, via London, Sept. 20.--An announcement was made by the war office here today of an attack by German forces on the Servians. It was said the Servians were driven back.

MR. CROCKER ROBBED

Hickory people were interested in the report that Mr. Walter Crocker, editor of the Forest City Free Press, was held up in his office Friday night by two men and robbed of \$23. The suspects have been arrested.